Relationships and Sex Education policy

Wandle Valley Academy



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1. Aims

The aims of relationships and sex education (RSE) at our school are to:

- > Provide a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place
- > Prepare pupils for puberty, and give them an understanding of sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene
- > Help pupils develop feelings of self-respect, confidence and empathy
- > Create a positive culture around issues of sexuality and relationships
- > Teach pupils the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies

2. Statutory requirements

As an academy we must provide relationships education to all Primary pupils and RSE to all Secondary pupils, as per section 34 of the <u>Children and Social work act 2017.</u>

We do not have to follow the National Curriculum but we are expected to offer all pupils a curriculum that is similar to the National Curriculum including requirements to teach science which would include the elements of sex education contained in the science curriculum.

In teaching RSE, we are required by our funding agreements to have regard to <u>guidance</u> issued by the secretary of state as outlined in section 403 of the <u>Education Act 1996</u>.

At Wandle Valley we teach RSE as set out in this policy.

Please refer to our funding agreement and articles of association for further information.

3. Policy development

This policy has been developed in consultation with staff, pupils and parents. The consultation and policy development process involved the following steps:

- 1. Review a member of staff pulled together all relevant information including relevant national and local guidance
- 2. Staff consultation all school staff were given the opportunity to look at the policy and make recommendations
- 3. Parent/stakeholder consultation parents and any interested parties were invited to attend a meeting about the policy and RSE provision
- 4. Pupil consultation we investigated what exactly pupils want from their RSE via Pupil Voice and surveys
- 5. Ratification once amendments were made, the policy was shared with our Academy Council and ratified

4. Definition

RSE is about the emotional, social and cultural development of pupils, and involves learning about relationships, sexual health, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity. These topics are covered at different depths appropriate to the age and developmental maturity of the pupils.

RSE involves a combination of sharing information, and exploring issues and values.

RSE is not about the promotion of sexual activity.

5. Curriculum

Our curriculum is set out as per Appendix 1 but we may need to adapt it as and when necessary.

We have developed the curriculum in consultation with parents, pupils and staff, taking into account the age, needs and feelings of pupils. If pupils ask questions outside the scope of this policy, teachers will respond in an appropriate manner so they are fully informed and don't seek answers online.

Primary sex education, delivered by the School Nurse where possible, will focus on:

- > Preparing boys and girls for the changes that adolescence brings
- How a baby is conceived and born

For more information about our curriculum, see our curriculum map in Appendix 1.

6. Delivery of RSE

RSE is taught within the personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education curriculum. Biological aspects of RSE are taught within the Science curriculum, and other aspects are included in Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) lessons.

Pupils can also receive stand-alone sex education sessions delivered by a trained health professional (School Nurse).

A pupil's chronological age will determine the curriculum legally available to them, but we will also carefully consider each pupil's developmental maturity, along with any special educational needs, when tailoring the curriculum to be delivered.

Relationships education in the Primary phase focuses on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships including:

- > Families and people who care for me
- Caring friendships
- > Respectful relationships
- > Online relationships
- > Being safe

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are also offered lessons on:

- Preparing boys and girls for the changes that adolescence brings
- > How a baby is conceived and born

RSE in the Secondary phase focuses on giving young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds including:

- > Families
- > Respectful relationships, including friendships
- > Online and media
- > Being safe
- Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health

For more information about our RSE curriculum, see Appendices 1 and 2.

These areas of learning are taught within the context of family life taking care to ensure that there is no stigmatisation of children based on their home circumstances (families can include single parent families, LGBTQ+ parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst other structures) along with reflecting sensitively that some children may have a different structure of support around them (for example: looked after children or young carers).

7. Roles and responsibilities

7.1 The Academy Council

The Academy Council has delegated the approval of this policy to L.Harris (Headteacher).

7.2 The Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that RSE is taught consistently across the school, and for managing requests to withdraw pupils from non-statutory components of RSE (see section 8).

7.3 Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- > Delivering RSE in a sensitive way
- Modelling positive attitudes to RSE
- Monitoring progress
- > Responding to the needs of individual pupils

> Responding appropriately to pupils whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from the non-statutory components of RSE

Staff do not have the right to opt out of teaching RSE. Staff who have concerns about teaching RSE are encouraged to discuss this with the PSHE Coordinator or Headteacher.

7.4 Pupils

Pupils are expected to engage fully in RSE and, when discussing issues related to RSE, treat others with respect and sensitivity.

8. Parents' right to withdraw

Parents of Primary pupils do not have the right to withdraw their children from relationships education.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory components of sex education within RSE.

Parents of Secondary pupils <u>have</u> the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory components of sex education within RSE up to and until 3 terms before the child turns 16. After this point, if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than being withdrawn, the school will arrange this.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 3 of this policy and addressed to the Headteacher.

A copy of withdrawal requests will be placed in the pupil's educational record. The headteacher will discuss the request with parents and take appropriate action.

Alternative work will be given to pupils who are withdrawn from sex education.

9. Training

Staff are trained on the delivery of Relationship Education as part of their induction and it is included in our continuing professional development calendar. The specific 'Sexual' elements of the RSE curriculum are delivered by specialist PSHE and Science teachers, who have received additional CPD training for the roles.

The PSHE Coordinator will also invite visitors from outside the school, such as school nurses or sexual health professionals, to provide support and training to staff teaching RSE.

10. Monitoring arrangements

The delivery of RSE is monitored by K. Peck (PSHE Coordinator) through:

Work scrutinies

Learning walks

Curriculum Reviews

Ongoing formative/summative assessment

Primary pupils' development in RSE is monitored by class teachers as part of our internal assessment systems.

This policy will be reviewed by K.Peck annually. At every review, the policy will be approved by the Headteacher.

Appendix 1a: RSE Primary Curriculum map 2024-2025

Autumn	Spring	Summer
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Year	
3-4	

Learning Theme

RSE Links:

Diversity – What makes us different?

Family heritage. Where do I 'come' from?

Importance of family for safety/survival.

Bullying – what is it and how should be tackle it?

Importance of looking after our own and others' Mental Health. What Mental Illness looks like?

Illness within the family. How Cancer has affected us/others.

Visits

Weekly Horse riding

Weekly Climbing

Weekly Swimming

Workshops and speakers

NSPCC – Pants Rule (Personal safety and appropriate touching)

SMSC Weekly Focus

Judaism / Israel

Christianity / Jerusalem

(Religion, Country/Region,Major Historical event, Current events, Values/Traditions, Culture, Famous people).

Celebration Days

Jeans for Genes

Children in need

Daily Assemblies

M- The week ahead + Enrichment

T- SEMH focus

W- RE/Social Stories

Th- PSHE and Personal reflection

Learning Theme

RSE Links:

What do we believe in? How does this affect who we are and how we behave to others?

Different family types and family roles.

What does Valentine's Day represent? Why do people celebrate it?

The invention of the internet and positives and negatives it has created.

Online safety and cyberbullying.

Visits

Weekly Horse riding

Weekly Climbing

Weekly Swimming

Workshops and speakers

Growing Against Violence – Anti-violence, knife-crime, personal safety, cyber-bullying.

SMSC Weekly Focus

Hinduism / Indus Valley (modern day Pakistan)

Sikhism / South Asia

(Religion,

Country/Region, Major Historical event, Current events, Values/Traditions, Culture, Famous people).

Celebration Days

Dress up for Digits World book day

Daily Assemblies

Comic Relief

M- The week ahead +

Learning Theme

Some possible RSE Links:

Masculinity and identity. Gender stereotypes in society.

Disability and equality. Fairness in society.

Creativity – what do we do to express ourselves or to enjoy our free time?

My plans for the future. Where I see myself in 20 years.

Wellbeing and caring for our Mental Health. Zones of regulation.

Caring for our own physical health through exercise/healthy eating.

Visits

Weekly Horse riding

Weekly Climbing

Weekly Swimming

Walton Firs – Team building and Communication

Workshops and speakers

School Play Therapist/
Safeguarding Lead - to discuss benefits of talking through emotional issues/seeking counselling.

SMSC Weekly Focus

Islam / Mecca (modern day Saudi Arabia

Buddhism / North-Eastern India

(Religion, Country/Region, Major Historical event, Current events, Values/Traditions, Culture, Famous people).

Celebration Days

Music week

Diversity day

F- Celebration/Awards Weekly SEMH Groups

(Focus on shared areas of

Enrichment

T- SEMH focus

W- RE/Social Stories

Th- PSHE and Personal reflection

F- Celebration/Awards

W- RE/Social Stories

Th- PSHE and Personal reflection

M- The week ahead + Enrichment

F- Celebration/Awards

Daily Assemblies

T- SEMH focus

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need)

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need)

Year 5 Learning Theme

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RSE Links:

Personal hygiene and consequences of neglecting this.

Body image and self-esteem.

Being a good friend. Looking out for each other. Recognising the impact of bullying.

The power of secrets – when is it ok to keep a secret?

Asking questions and checking others are ok.

Illness within the family. How Cancer has affected us/others.

<u>Visits</u>

Weekly Horse riding

Weekly Climbing

Weekly Swimming

Workshops and speakers

NSPCC – Pants Rule (Personal safety and appropriate touching)

SMSC Weekly Focus

As above

Celebration Days

As above

Daily Assemblies

As above

Learning Theme

RSE Links:

Personal tastes and preferences and respecting those of others.

What does Valentines Day represent? Is it important? Why do people celebrate it?

Celebrating inspirational Women in our lives.

How do relationships change? Which aspects change and why?

What is trust and how can it be broken? What is loyalty?

Visits

Weekly Horse riding

Weekly Climbing

Weekly Swimming

Workshops and speakers

Growing Against Violence – Anti-violence, knife-crime, personal safety, cyber-bullying.

SMSC Weekly Focus

As above

Celebration Days

As above

Daily Assemblies

As above

Learning Theme

Some possible RSE Links:

How art and music make us feel. What emotions can they evoke?

Understanding how others are feeling. Interpreting body language and tone.

Diversity – What makes us different?

What do we believe in? How does this affect who we are and how we behave to others?

Masculinity and identity. Gender stereotypes in society.

Visits

Weekly Horse riding

Weekly Climbing

Weekly Swimming

Walton Firs – Team building and Communication

TFL and Sutton Community Transport – independent travel, personal safety.

Workshops and speakers

School Play Therapist/ Safeguarding Lead - to discuss benefits of talking through emotional issues/seeking counselling.

SMSC Weekly Focus

As above

Celebration Days

As above

Daily Assemblies

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need) Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need) As above

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need)

Year 6 | Learning Theme

RSE Links:

Why we need human interaction? How does loneliness affect people?

What support do we get from friends and family?

Different types of relationship. Marriage...what does it mean?

Manners and respect – treating others how we like to be treated.

Illness within the family. How Cancer has affected us/others.

Visits

Weekly Horse riding

Weekly Climbing

Weekly Swimming

Workshops and speakers

Sexpression – Workshop on puberty/physical relationships/consent.

Feltham YOI (Crime Diversion)

SMSC Weekly Focus

As above

Celebration Days

As above

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need)

Daily Assemblies

As above

Learning Theme

RSE Links:

Trusting others with our safety.

Being close to others and appropriate touch.

Difference between platonic and non-platonic relationships.

Peer pressure and being in control of our own actions.

Body image – how we feel about ourselves.

Visits

Weekly Horse riding

Weekly Climbing

Weekly Swimming

Workshops and speakers

Growing Against Violence – Anti-violence, knife-crime, personal safety, cyber-bullying.

School Play Therapist/ Safeguarding Lead - to discuss benefits of talking through emotional issues/seeking counselling.

SMSC Weekly Focus

As above

Celebration Days

As above

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need)

Daily Assemblies

As above

Learning Theme

Some possible RSE Links:

Changing hormones and how puberty affects us. Dealing with changing emotions.

How are babies conceived and born? Sex cells/human development

Diversity – What makes us different?

What do we believe in? How does this affect who we are and how we behave to others?

Drugs and alcohol awareness. What harm can they do to our bodies?

Visits

Weekly Horse riding

Weekly Climbing

Weekly Swimming

Walton Firs – Team building and Communication

TFL and Sutton Community Transport – independent travel, personal safety.

Workshops and speakers

School nurse – Puberty and our changing bodies

SWITCH Life Choices workshops (Including Substance misuse and risk-taking behaviour)

SMSC Weekly Focus

As above

Celebration Days

As above

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need)

Daily Assemblies

As above

Autumn Spring Summer

Year 7

PSHE lessons

Healthy Lifestyles

All aspects of Health including physical, mental and social.

Visits

Sporting tournaments – Football, dodgeball, badminton, basketball and wall-ball.

Workshops and speakers

Sexpression – Workshop on puberty/physical relationships/consent.

Feltham YOI (Crime Diversion)

Breaking the Cycle (Anger Management)

Speakers Trust (Building Self-Confidence).

SMSC Weekly Focus

Significant Explorers
War and Remembrance

Celebration Days

Jeans for Genes Children in need Black History

Wellbeing Weekly Focus Areas

Relationships

Health and Wellbeing

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need)

PSHE lessons

Rights and Responsibilities

Factors influencing criminal behaviour (Eg familial), Peer pressure, Mental Health, Victim Impact + types of 'punishment' inc. Restoration and Reform.

Visits

Sporting tournaments -

Football, dodgeball, badminton, basketball and wall-ball.

Workshops and speakers

School Play Therapist/
Safeguarding Lead - to
discuss benefits of talking
through emotional
issues/seeking counselling.

Growing Against Violence –

Anti-violence, knife-crime, personal safety, cyberbullying.

SMSC Weekly Focus

Beginnings and Endings
Rules and Routines

Celebration Days

Dress up for Digits World book day Comic Relief

Wellbeing Weekly Focus Areas

Living in the Wider World Relationships

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need)

PSHE lessons

Drugs Education

Legal and illegal drugs, the law, physical/socio-economic impact.

Visits

Sporting tournaments -

Football, dodgeball, badminton, basketball, wallball and athletics.

TFL and Sutton Community **Transport** – independent travel, personal safety.

Workshops and speakers

SWITCH Life Choices workshops (Including Substance misuse and risktaking behaviour)

Knife Crime (Quad) – avoiding violent conflict.

School nurse/PSHE Lead - To discuss personal hygiene and puberty.

SMASHED live! – impact of underage alcohol misuse.

SMSC Weekly Focus

What a wonderful world Magical Mapping

Celebration Days

Music week
Diversity day

Wellbeing Weekly Focus Areas

Health and Wellbeing
Living in the Wider World

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			Weekly SEMH Groups
			(Focus on shared areas of
			need)
Year	PSHE lessons	PSHE lessons	PSHE lessons
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8	Relationship and Sex education –	Relationship and Sex	Interpersonal Skills –
		education –	
	Hormones, Puberty, Reproductive System, Sexual Intercourse, UK Laws, Sexuality and Morals/Consent. Workshops and speakers	ctive	Eye contact, body language,
			passive/assertive/aggressive
			behaviour, appropriate
		Intercourse, UK Laws,	touch, tone and facial
		Sexuality and	expressions.
		Morals/Consent.	Manufacture and an actions
	Sexpression – Workshop on		Workshops and speakers
	physical relationships/	Workshops and speakers	SWITCH Life Choices
	consent/contraception/STIs.	Growing Against Violence –	workshops (Including
	The Big Q (Anti-Extremism)	Anti-violence, knife-crime,	Substance misuse and risk-
		personal safety, cyber-	taking behaviour)
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	Management)	School Play Therapist/	avoiding violent conflict.
	ivianagement)	Safeguarding Lead - to	
	Speakers Trust (Building Self-	discuss benefits of talking	SMASHED live! – impact of
	Confidence).	through emotional	underage alcohol misuse.
	,	issues/seeking counselling.	SMSC Weekly Focus
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	Stone Age to Iron Age The Romans Celebration Days	SMSC Weekly Focus	The UK
		People of Earth	Extreme Earth
		Good Friday	
		_	<u>Celebration Days</u>
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	Wellbeing Weekly Focus Areas		Wellbeing Weekly Focus
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Year

PSHE lessons

Relationship and Sex education -

Hormones, Puberty, Reproductive System, Sexual Intercourse, UK Laws, Sexuality and Morals/Consent.

Visits

Volunteering Opportunities via Volunteer Centre Sutton (Sutton Community Farm/Eco

Local/Volunteering Matters)

Shotfield Clinic – Wallington (Sexual Health Clinic) Discussion with Sexual Health Advisor.

PfA Event at Sutton Life Centre advertising SEND services available within borough

Hospitality Takeover at Leonardo London Hotel, to learn employability skills

Workshops and speakers

Sexpression – Workshop on physical relationships/ consent/contraception/STIs.

The Big Q (Anti-Extremism)

Feltham YOI (Crime Diversion)

Breaking the Cycle (Anger Management)

Speakers Trust (Building Self-Confidence)

Careers Fair – Trainers and Post 16 providers, held at WVA

SMSC Weekly Focus Ancient England

Anglo-saxons

Celebration Days As above

Wellbeing Weekly Focus Areas As above

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need)

PSHE lessons

Relationship and Sex education –

Hormones, Puberty, Reproductive System, Sexual Intercourse, UK Laws, Sexuality and Morals/Consent.

Visits

Volunteering Opportunities

via Volunteer Centre Sutton (Sutton Community Farm/Eco Local/Volunteering Matters)

Workshops and speakers

Growing Against Violence – Anti-violence, knife-crime, personal safety, cyberbullying.

School Play Therapist/ Safeguarding Lead - to discuss benefits of talking through emotional issues/seeking counselling.

Careers Fair – Trainers, Post 16 providers and Employers, held at WVA

SMSC Weekly Focus

Pilgrimages

Food and Fasting

Celebration Days

As above

Wellbeing Weekly Focus Areas

As above

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need)

PSHE lessons

Politics -

Political systems, voting process, democracy, government /opposition, law –making, freedom of speech.

Visits

Volunteering Opportunities

via Volunteer Centre Sutton (Sutton Community Farm/Eco Local/Volunteering Matters)

B&Q – Enterprise/job awareness visit.

Workshops and speakers

SWITCH Life Choices workshops (Including Substance misuse and risktaking behaviour)

Knife Crime (Quad) – avoiding violent conflict.

SMASHED live! – impact of underage alcohol misuse.

Post Work Experience placement interviews with Careers Advisor + outside professionals eg Jim Wilson, Mears, Sutton and District.

SMSC Weekly Focus

Water

All Around the World

Celebration Days

As above

Wellbeing Weekly Focus Areas

As above

Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need)

Year 10-11

Careers lessons

Managing Money - Yr 10

Effects of borrowing/debt, Managing your finances, Poverty, Financial Independence.

Employment skills – Yr 11

Personal qualities/strengths, team-work skills, accountability, volunteering, public speaking skills, interview skills, enterprise and planning for the future.

Visits

Taster Sessions via Carshalton College/Way to Work, independence skills.

College Tours encouraging maturity/ independence/team building

PfA Event at Sutton Life Centre advertising SEND services available within borough

Hospitality Takeover at Leonardo London Hotel, to learn employability skills

Workshops and speakers

Sexpression – Workshop on physical relationships/consent/contraception/STIs.

The Big Q (Anti-Extremism)

Feltham YOI (Crime Diversion)

Breaking the Cycle (Anger Management)

Speakers Trust (Building Self-Confidence)

Princess Diana Mentoring scheme (Employability skills)

DWP Workshops (Employability skills)

Careers Fair – Trainers and Post

Careers lessons

Employment skills - Personal qualities/strengths, teamwork skills, accountability, volunteering, public speaking skills, interview skills, enterprise and planning for the future.

Visits

Post-16 interviews and Learning Support interviews at colleges.

College Tours encouraging maturity/ independence/team building

Holocaust Remembrance event encouraging selfawareness and tolerance

Workshops and speakers

Growing Against Violence – Anti-violence, knife-crime, personal safety, cyberbullying.

School Play Therapist/
Safeguarding Lead - to
discuss benefits of talking
through emotional
issues/seeking counselling.

Careers Fair – Trainers, Post 16 providers and Employers, held at WVA

SMSC Weekly Focus

Worship

Forgiveness

Humanism

Justice and Freedom

Celebration Days

As above

Wellbeing Weekly Focus

Careers lessons

Employment skills - Personal qualities/strengths, teamwork skills, accountability, volunteering, public speaking skills, interview skills, enterprise and planning for the future.

Visits

Work Experience Placement (Yr 10 - 5 days in May) Independence/team-work

Sutton Boot sale – Enterprise/community project

Workshops and speakers

'Check it out' Sexual Health/Chlamydia testing

SWITCH Life Choices workshops (Including Substance misuse and risktaking behaviour)

Knife Crime (Quad) – avoiding violent conflict.

SMASHED live! – impact of underage alcohol misuse.

Post Work Experience placement interviews with Careers Advisor + outside professionals eg Jim Wilson, Mears, Sutton and District.

SMSC Weekly Focus

Enough for Everyone

Magnificent Mountains

Our Changing World

Celebration Days

As above

Wellbeing Weekly Focus Areas

Areas 16 providers, held at WVA As above As above Weekly SEMH Groups (Focus on shared areas of need) **SMSC Weekly Focus** Weekly SEMH Groups **Ancient Greeks** (Focus on shared areas of need) Leisure and Entertainment Maya Civilisation World War 2 **Celebration Days** As above Wellbeing Weekly Focus Areas As above Weekly SEMH Groups

(Focus on shared areas of need)

Appendix 2a: By the end of the Primary phase pupils should know

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Families and people who care about me	That families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability
	• The characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each other, including in times of difficulty, protection and care for children and other family members, the importance of spending time together and sharing each other's lives
	That others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care
	That stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families, and are important for children's security as they grow up
	That marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong
	How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed
Caring friendships	How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends
	• The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties
	That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded
	 That most friendships have ups and downs, and that these can often be worked through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened, and that resorting to violence is never right
	How to recognise who to trust and who not to trust, how to judge when a friendship is making them feel unhappy or uncomfortable, managing conflict, how to manage these situations and how to seek help or advice from others, if needed
Respectful relationships	The importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from them (for example, physically, in character, personality or backgrounds), or make different choices or have different preferences or beliefs
	Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships
	The conventions of courtesy and manners
	The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness
	That in school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with respect by others, and that in turn they should show due respect to others, including those in positions of authority
	About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders (primarily reporting bullying to an adult) and how to get help
	What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive
	The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Online relationships	That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not
	That the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online including when we are anonymous
	The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them
	How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met
	How information and data is shared and used online
Being safe	What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context)
	About the concept of privacy and the implications of it for both children and adults; including that it is not always right to keep secrets if they relate to being safe
	That each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact
	How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know
	How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult
	How to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard
	How to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so
	Where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources

Appendix 2b: By the end of the Secondary phase pupils should know

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Families	That there are different types of committed, stable relationships
	How these relationships might contribute to human happiness and their importance for bringing up children
	• What marriage is, including their legal status e.g. that marriage carries legal rights and protections not available to couples who are cohabiting or who have married, for example, in an unregistered religious ceremony
	Why marriage is an important relationship choice for many couples and why it must be freely entered into
	The characteristics and legal status of other types of long-term relationships
	The roles and responsibilities of parents with respect to raising of children, including the characteristics of successful parenting
	 How to: determine whether other children, adults or sources of information are trustworthy: judge when a family, friend, intimate or other relationship is unsafe (and to recognise this in others' relationships); and, how to seek help or advice, including reporting concerns about others, if needed
Respectful relationships, including friendships	• The characteristics of positive and healthy friendships (in all contexts, including online) including: trust, respect, honesty, kindness, generosity, boundaries, privacy, consent and the management of conflict, reconciliation and ending relationships. This includes different (non-sexual) types of relationship
	 Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships
	 How stereotypes, in particular stereotypes based on sex, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability, can cause damage (e.g. how they might normalise non- consensual behaviour or encourage prejudice)
	 That in school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with respect by others, and that in turn they should show due respect to others, including people in positions of authority and due tolerance of other people's beliefs
	 About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders to report bullying and how and where to get help
	That some types of behaviour within relationships are criminal, including violent behaviour and coercive control
	What constitutes sexual harassment and sexual violence and why these are always unacceptable
	The legal rights and responsibilities regarding equality (particularly with reference to the protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010) and that everyone is unique and equal

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW		
Online and media	Their rights, responsibilities and opportunities online, including that the same expectations of behaviour apply in all contexts, including online		
	About online risks, including that any material someone provides to another has the potential to be shared online and the difficulty of removing potentially compromising material placed online		
	Not to provide material to others that they would not want shared further and not to share personal material which is sent to them		
	What to do and where to get support to report material or manage issues online		
	The impact of viewing harmful content		
	That specifically sexually explicit material e.g. pornography presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves in relation to others and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners		
	That sharing and viewing indecent images of children (including those created by children) is a criminal offence which carries severe penalties including jail		
	How information and data is generated, collected, shared and used online		
Being safe	The concepts of, and laws relating to, sexual consent, sexual exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, rape, domestic abuse, forced marriage, honour-based violence and FGM, and how these can affect current and future relationships		
	How people can actively communicate and recognise consent from others, including sexual consent, and how and when consent can be withdrawn (in all contexts, including online)		
Intimate and sexual relationships,	How to recognise the characteristics and positive aspects of healthy one-to-one intimate relationships, which include mutual respect, consent, loyalty, trust, shared interests and outlook, sex and friendship		
including sexual health	That all aspects of health can be affected by choices they make in sex and relationships, positively or negatively, e.g. physical, emotional, mental, sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing		
	The facts about reproductive health, including fertility and the potential impact of lifestyle on fertility for men and women		
	That there are a range of strategies for identifying and managing sexual pressure, including understanding peer pressure, resisting pressure and not pressurising others		
	That they have a choice to delay sex or to enjoy intimacy without sex		
	The facts about the full range of contraceptive choices, efficacy and options available		
	The facts around pregnancy including miscarriage		
	 That there are choices in relation to pregnancy (with medically and legally accurate, impartial information on all options, including keeping the baby, adoption, abortion and where to get further help) 		
	How the different sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDs, are transmitted, how risk can be reduced through safer sex (including through condom use) and the importance of and facts about testing		
	About the prevalence of some STIs, the impact they can have on those who contract them and key facts about treatment		
	How the use of alcohol and drugs can lead to risky sexual behaviour		
	How to get further advice, including how and where to access confidential sexual and reproductive health advice and treatment		



Appendix 3: Parent form: withdrawal from sex education within RSE

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS			
Name of child		Class	
Name of parent		Date	
Reason for withdra	awing from sex education with	in relationsh	ips and sex education
Any other information	tion you would like the school t	to consider	
Parent signature			
TO BE COMBLET	ED BY THE SCHOOL		
	ED BY THE SCHOOL		
Agreed actions from discussion with parents			
Head teacher			
signature			